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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S RESPONSE TO MESSAGE FROM
PRESIDENT MOKTAR OULD DADDAH

REF: STATE 157157

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER DATED
JULY 27, 1976, FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT MOKTAR
OULD DADDAH AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. QUOTE. DEAR MR.
PRESIDENT: THANK YOU FOR YOUR RECENT MESSAGE DESCRIBING
THE ATTACKS AGAINST MAURITANIAN COMMUNITIES AND AGAINST
NOUAKCHOTT. I APPRECIATED RECEIVING YOUR ANALYSIS OF THE
DISAGREEMENTS BETWEEN YOUR NATION AND ALGERIA ON THE
WESTERN SAHARAN QUESTION. I WAS VERY CONCERNED TO LEARN
OF THE EVENTS WHICH YOU DESCRIBED AND SHARE YOUR DESIRE TO
SEE PEACE AND STABILITY RETURN TO THE REGION.

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WESTERN SAHARA DISPUTE TO SEEK A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE

FUTURE OF THAT TERRITORY. I STRONGLY HOPE THAT WITH YOUR CAPABLE LEADERSHIP AND THAT OF THE OTHER STATESMEN OF NORTHWEST AFRICA, A DIPLOMATIC SOLUTION IN EITHER A REGIONAL OR UNITED NATIONS CONTEXT WILL PRECLUDE FURTHER ARMED CONFLICT.

I WAS PLEASED TO RECEIVE AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN ON JULY 9TH AND TRUST THAT HIS SERVICE IN WASHINGTON WILL STRENGTHEN THE EXCELLENT TIES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND MAURITANIA. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE.

2. ORIGINAL DELIVERED TO AMBASSADOR KOCHMAN JULY 29 AT HIS REQUEST FOR TRANSMITTAL VIA MAURITANIAN EMBASSY POUCH.

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